exploration and production companies producing atleast three million tonnes of crude oil annually. Full deregulation of Petroleum Sector is targetted from 1st April, 2002.

In this regard, as per the detailed Marketing Guidelines to be notified, private players fulfilling the laid down conditions would be entitled to have the marketing rights for transportation fuels.

Appointment of M/s Mc Kinsey by ONGC

† l812. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI KUMKUMRAI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation had appointed M/s. Mc Kinsey to study the administrative set up and to suggest the structural changes in the functioning of the Commission so as to improve its working and to reduce the administrative expenditure;

(b) if so, whether M/s. Mc Kinsey has since submitted its report and if so, the recommendations made by them; and

(c) whether the Government have since examined these recommendations and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PEIROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANG WAR): (a) to (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) had, in March, 1997, initiated a project for restructuring of the Corporation in consultation with M/s Mc Kinsey and Company Incorporated, International Management Consultants. The Consultants had submitted their recommendations on Organisation Transformation Project (OTP) of ONGC to its management. The recommendations of the Consultants were received by ONGC in phases over a period of time during the years 1997 to 1999. The recommendations of the Consultants highlighted the need to have a greater focus on ONGC's core activities of finding and producing oil and gas, better management of skills and expertise in oil field services, greater commercial and performance accountability and quicker decision making by decentralisation. The operative recommendations of the Consultants, *inter- alia,* included the need for focussed attention on structural changes; and also changes in systems and procedures in

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

the areas of exploration, reservoir management, drilling, material management, logistics, human resources, budgeting and costing, performance management systems research and development Institutes and information services. ONGC as a "Navratna" Public Sector Undertaking enjoys substantial autonomy in its operations. While some of the recommendations of the consultants are already under various stages of implementation, the rest are receiving attention of the management of ONGC. The Board of ONGC, in its meeting held on 27.7.2001, has considered the implementation of OTP with certain modifications/ corrections throughout the organisation. Necessary action plan is being drawn by ONGC accordingly for its implementation. At present, the Government has no proposal under its consideration for any change in the organisational structure of ONGC. However, the process of review by the Government of the performance of Public Sector Undertakings, like the ONGC, is a continuous one.

Storage terminals for imported gas

1813. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI VIJAY J.DARDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total requirement of cooking gas in the country;

(b) the quantity of gas being imported and by what time the entire demand of LPG is proposed to be meet;

(c) whether there are adequate number of terminals available for the landing and storage of imported gas; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to create more such terminals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The annual consumption of LPG (cooking gas) in the country including sales under Parallel Marketing Scheme (PMS) during the year 2000-2001 was 7016 Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMT).

(b) the quantity of LPG imported during 2000-2001 was 852 TMT including under PMS. The LPG demand in the country is met by and large in full through indigenous production and imports to the extent of short fall in availability in the country;

(c) and (d) At present, there are adequate number of terminals for storage of imported LPG. Further, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have plans to create 2000 TMTPA additional storage capacity to meet future demand.